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Dear Sir:

This is an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 28, 1991, of the Primary Examiner rejecting Claims 4-7 in above-identified application.

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(1) STATUS OF ALL CLAIMS

Seven claims were originally filed in this application. Claims 1-3, which relate to a protein, were withdrawn from examination pursuant to a requirement for restriction. Applicant provisionally elected to prosecute the invention of Claims 4-7, which relate to DNA. Applicant's Petition to the Commissioner to reverse the restriction requirement was denied in a decision mailed December 30, 1991. In this decision the Director of Group 120 held that "the DNA and protein are patentably distinct chemical products." Accordingly, only the DNA-related Claims 4-7 are on appeal in this case. Claims 4-7 were amended by Applicant's Amendment A, filed 8/22/91, strictly in accordance with the Examiner's formal requirement that they should recite that the claimed DNA is "purified and isolated." In all other respects Claims 4-7 are in the same form as originally filed. See (7) Appendix of Claims on Appeal.

(2) STATUS OF ANY AMENDMENT FILED
AFTER FINAL REJECTION

No amendments were filed after final rejection.

(3) SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention as defined in Claims 4-7 on appeal relates to novel and unobvious chemical compounds that are human and bovine DNA having sequences which encode, respectively, human and bovine heparin-binding growth factors of 18.9 kDa molecular weight in well-defined sequences of 168 amino acid residues. In

particular, Claims 4 and 5 relate to the human DNA compounds whereas Claims 6 and 7 relate to the bovine DNA compounds. The human and bovine sequences are different from each other as specifically stated at page 4, lines 20-25, of the disclosure. Thus, of the 168 amino acid residues, 163 were identical with differences existing at amino acid positions 3, 4 and 7 in the leader sequence and at amino acid positions 130 and 147 in the mature protein of the complete 168 amino acid sequence. These differences can be seen by comparing the first row of sequences in Claims 4 and 6. The amino acids in these protein sequences are shown by their conventional three-letter symbols, e.g., Met represents methionine, etc. Comparable differences exist in the DNA sequences as can be seen by comparing the sequences in Claims 5 and 7. The nucleotide bases in these DNA sequences are shown by their conventional single letter symbols, e.g., A, G, C and T which represent adenine, guanine, cytosine and thymine, respectively. Claims 4 and 6 are generic in that they include variations in the nucleotide codons (three successive nucleotides or triplets) to account for the well-known degeneracy of the genetic code. That is, many amino acids are specified by more than one codon, although there is only one methionine codon, namely ATG.

In accordance with the invention, the heparin-binding growth factor DNA compounds claimed in Claims 4-7 were purified and isolated in a form which did not exist heretofore in nature from bovine uterus and human placenta starting materials as described at page 4, lines 5-19, of the disclosure. For convenience, the heparin-binding growth factor is abbreviated "HBGF-8." The bovine HBGF-8 DNA was isolated from a bovine uterus cDNA library using the bovine N-terminal 25 amino acid sequence clone as a probe. This N-terminal sequence is shown at page 3, lines 8-10, of the disclosure. The human HBGF-8 DNA was isolated from a human

placenta cDNA library using bovine HBGF-8 cDNA fragment as a probe.

The term "heparin-binding" is based on the finding that the HBGF-8 binds tightly to Heparin-Sepharose resin as stated at page 3, lines 11-12, of the disclosure. The term "growth factor" is based on the finding that the HBGF-8 has activity as an acidic growth factor in mitogenic assay systems as stated at page 3, lines 14-18.

The importance and significance of the invention is illustrated by the fact that the bovine uterus HBGF-8 purification and isolation resulted in separation of the 18.9 kDa HBGF-8 from the 17.5 kDa bovine uterus basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) as stated at page 3, lines 19-31. Thus, the claimed DNA was purified and isolated in a useful and practical form which did not exist in nature.

(4) STATEMENT OF ISSUES

PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

The single issue presented for review in this appeal is as follows:

- Whether Claims 4-7 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Bohlen (EP 326,075) or Rauvala (EMBO J. 1989) in view of Maniatis et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual).

(5) GROUPING OF CLAIMS

The claims do not stand or fall together. Claims 4 and 5, which relate to human HBGF-8 DNA, are separately patentable from Claims 6 and 7, which relate to bovine HBGF-8 DNA. Although both the human and bovine species are mammalian, the corresponding HBGF-8 DNA sequences nevertheless have fundamentally different structures. The differences in sequences have been pointed out in Part (3), Summary of the Invention. Neither sequence is obvious from the other.

Likewise, Claims 5 and 7, which recite specific DNA sequences, are separately patentable from Claims 4 and 6, which more broadly-recite DNA sequences that encode the corresponding protein sequences. As pointed out in Part (3), Summary of the Invention, Claims 4 and 6 are generic in that they include variations in the nucleotide codons (three successive nucleotides or triplets) to account for the degeneracy in the genetic code. That is, many amino acids are specified by more than one codon, although there is only one methionine codon, namely ATG.

Furthermore, Claims 5 and 7 are separately patentable from each other in that the claimed sequences have substantially different lengths, they have substantially different terminal sequences and are otherwise substantially different from each other. Neither sequence is obvious from the other.

(6) THE ARGUMENT

Appellant respectfully submits that the Examiner's final rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 on the basis of Bohlen or Rauvala in view of Maniatis is neither factually nor legally supportable and, therefore, should be reversed. Appellant's reasons for

reversal, including authorities and parts of the record relied upon, are set forth in the following argument. As will be shown in this argument, the rejection should be reversed because (I), Claims 4-7 are unobvious over the cited art since that art contains not a single iota of disclosure of any part of the DNA compounds of said claims; (II), the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be reversed because it is based on an improper combination of primary and secondary references; and (III), the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be reversed because the references, even if for the sake of argument are considered as properly combined, do not teach appellant's claimed DNA compounds but teach, instead, other DNA compounds having no homology to appellant's DNA compounds.

I. CLAIMS 4-7 ARE UNOBVIOUS OVER
THE CITED ART BECAUSE THAT ART
CONTAINS NOT A SINGLE IOTA OF
DISCLOSURE OF ANY PART OF THE
DNA COMPOUNDS OF SAID CLAIMS

As has already been stated by the Director of Group 180 in the decision on the Petition to reverse the restriction requirement, "the DNA and protein are patentably distinct chemical products." On the one hand, Claims 4-7 on appeal relate solely to DNA, not to protein. On the other hand, each of the primary references, Bohlen and Rauvala, relate to protein, not to DNA. As a matter of fact, there is not so much as one iota of disclosure in either of these primary references which deals with DNA compounds. Thus, these references are completely non-relevant to appellant's patentably distinct Claims 4-7. The Examiner has

not even pointed out a single word in either of these primary references which relates to DNA compounds.

That the primary references are non-relevant to appellant's invention is self-evident from the fact that they are not even concerned with the general field of molecular biology to which appellant's invention is directed. Thus, a careful reading of Bohlen will reveal that it merely describes an in vitro method of isolating a brain mitogen from bovine brain. There is not one word or iota within the four corners of the reference which concerns a DNA compound, let alone appellant's claimed DNA compounds.

Likewise, a careful review of Rauvala will reveal that it also merely describes an in vitro method of isolating a brain mitogen, but from rat brain instead of bovine brain as in Bohlen. But as in Bohlen, so too in Rauvala, there is not one word or iota within the four corners of the reference which concerns a DNA compound, let alone appellant's claimed DNA compounds.

Clearly then, the Examiner has cited two primary references drawn from the protein art which is irrelevant to the patentably distinct DNA Claims 4-7 here on appeal.

Although the secondary reference, Maniatis, refers to DNA cloning, it has nothing whatsoever to do with appellant's novel and unobvious DNA compounds. Thus, Maniatis is nothing more than a state-of-the-art treatise on the principles and techniques, i.e. methods, of gene cloning. However, none of appellant's Claims 4-7 relate to a method of gene cloning. Instead, they relate to novel and unobvious DNA compounds. That is, appellant's claims recite novel and unobvious chemical products; they do not recite a method of cloning such as disclosed by

Maniatis. To reject appellant's claims to novel and unobvious chemical compounds on the basis of a laboratory textbook which merely describes general methods for molecular cloning without any disclosure of appellant's claimed chemical compounds themselves is as improper and invalid as it would be to reject the product claims to a novel and unobvious pharmaceutical compound on the basis of a laboratory textbook which merely describes general techniques for organic synthesis of chemical compounds without any disclosure of the claimed compound or compounds that are homologous to the claimed compound. It is axiomatic that in order for a reference to be a valid reference against claims to a chemical compound that reference must disclose a teaching of the structure of the of the claimed chemical compound or compounds homologous thereto, and not merely methods or techniques for making chemical compounds in general without any relationship to the structure of the claimed compounds. Both the structure and properties of the compound must be considered under 35 U.S.C. 103. See, e.g., In re Papesch, 137 USPQ 43 (CCPA 1963). The only DNA compound shown in the cited pages of the Maniatis reference is a 902 bp DNA of π VX shown on page 353. However, the Examiner has failed to point out any homology whatsoever, not even the slightest homology, between the Maniatis 902 bp DNA compound of π VX and appellant's claimed HBGF-8 DNA compounds. It is manifestly evident that the reason the Examiner has failed to point out any homology is that there clearly is no such homology. Appellant's DNA and the DNA shown in the reference are as different from each other as night and day are different from each other. The Examiner has thus come up with a complete "blank" so far as finding any teaching of appellant's claimed chemical products. Most certainly, the Maniatis reference provides no support for the rejection of Claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

II. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103
SHOULD BE REVERSED BECAUSE IT IS
BASED ON AN IMPROPER COMBINATION
OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REFERENCES

As has already been pointed out in Argument I, above, the primary references, Bohlen and Rauvala, relate only to methods of in vitro purification of heparin-binding growth factors from brain cells, they provide no teaching whatsoever concerning DNA compounds; whereas, the secondary reference, Maniatis, relates only to general methods of gene cloning in which the only DNA compound shown is a 902 bp DNA of π VX, it provides no teaching whatsoever concerning purification of heparin-binding growth factors from brain cells. Thus, it is manifestly evident that there is no valid basis for combining these references because they relate to two entirely different types of subject matter. That is, in making the rejection under Section 103, the Examiner has combined unrelated and non-analogous art in which no suggestion or teaching for appellant's combination can be found in the art itself. The Examiner's conclusion on obviousness ignores the fact that nothing in the cited references themselves suggests the combination. The approach used by the Examiner is at odds with the long-accepted principle of patent law that:

"the mere fact that those disclosures can be combined does not make the combination obvious unless the art also contains something to suggest the desirability of the combination." In re Imperato, 179 USPQ 730, 732 (CCPA 1973); In re Bergel, 130 USPQ 206 (CCPA 1961).

As further stated by the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals in In re Regel et al, 188 USPQ 136, 139 (CCPA 1975):

"there must be some logical reason apparent from positive concrete evidence of record which justifies a combination of primary and secondary references."

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's conclusion on Section 103 obviousness is not supported by any positive, concrete evidence in these references. Instead, it is believed that the Examiner has merely used hindsight analysis in making the combination after reading appellant's disclosure. That is, it is apparent that in the instant case the Examiner, after reading appellant's disclosure, has used hindsight analysis and pieced together the unrelated primary and secondary references not in a manner suggested by the art itself but, rather, in a manner such as to obtain appellant's invention. As consistently held by the patent courts:

"such a hindsight analysis, however, is not allowed by 35 USC 103."
In re Linnert and Espy, 135 USPQ 307, 311 (CCPA 1962).

See also, ACS Hospital Systems, Inc. vs. Montefiore Hospital, 221 USPQ 929, 933 (Fed. Cir. 1984); and In re Fine, 5 USPQ2d 1597, 1599-1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988), where the CAFC refers to "the insidious effect of the hindsight syndrome." In order to make such a finding of obviousness in appellant's particular claimed DNA compounds, it is incumbent upon the Examiner to support the combination of references by specifically pointing out where the suggestions for such combination to arrive at appellant's claimed DNA compounds occurs in the references themselves. No such suggestions can be found in the references and the Examiner has not pointed out any. Instead, the Examiner, in the final rejection, Paper No. 7, at page 3, has merely concluded in a rather cavalier manner that "it would have been entirely obvious to attempt to isolate a known protein from different tissue types and even different species... [and] it would have been obvious to

clone the instant gene sequence since the cloning procedures are used only in a manner taught by the prior art for the purposes taught by the prior art (emphasis added)." Such broad brush conclusionary statements not only fail to point out any suggestion or teaching in the art itself for making the combination of references, but they also are based on several other improper approaches to examination for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, the Examiner's conclusion that it would have been obvious "to attempt to isolate a protein from different tissue types" is tantamount to saying that appellant's invention is merely a matter of choice and that it would be obvious to try what appellant has done. However, that is not an appropriate basis for rejecting an applicant's claims. As stated by the Board of Appeals in the case of In re Haas et al, 144 USPQ 98 (PTO Bd. App. 1964), "It is not a matter of choice presented by the prior art." No motivation in the art exists for doing what appellant has done. It has been consistently held by the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that "obvious to try" is irrelevant to the Section 103 test of obviousness. See, e.g., In re Tomlinson et al., 150 USPQ 623 (CCPA 1963); and In re Antonie 195 USPQ 6, 8 (CCPA 1977), in which the CCPA said:

"...overemphasis on the routine nature of the data gathering to arrive at appellant's discovery, after its existence became expected, overlooks the last sentence of §103. In re Saether, 181 USPQ 36 (CCPA 1974)."

See also In re Lindell, 155 USPQ 521, 523 (CCPA 1967), in which the CCPA held that:

"...application of the 'obvious to try' test would often deny patent protection to inventions growing out of well-planned research which is, of course guided into those areas in which success is deemed most likely..."

See also In re Goodwin et al, 198 USPQ 1, 3 (CCPA 1978), in which the CCPA held as follows:

"Disregard for the unobviousness of results of 'obvious to try' experiments disregards the 'invention as a whole' concept of §103..."

The rule against the use of "obvious to try" concept under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been followed by the CAFC. See, e.g., In re Geiger, 2 USPQ2d 1276, 1278 (Fed. Cir. 1987); In re Dow Chemical Co., 5 USPQ2d 1529, 1532 (Fed. Cir. 1988); In re Fine, 5 USPQ2d 1597, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Moreover, the Examiner's conclusion that it would have been obvious to attempt "to isolate a protein" has no relevance to the claimed invention. As already pointed out, above, appellant's claims are not directed to a method of isolating a protein; in fact, they are not even directed to a method of isolating DNA or anything else. Instead, they are directed to novel chemical compounds. The Examiner's conclusion thus is completely misdirected to something that is not being claimed.

Furthermore, the Examiner's conclusion completely ignores the point made by the Director of Group 120 that the DNA claims are patentably distinct from the protein claims. If anything, the Examiner's conclusions on a method of isolating a protein may possibly be apropos to protein claims which have been withdrawn from examination by the Examiner but, most certainly, they are not apropos to the DNA chemical compound claims. The Examiner's conclusion is based on a completely contorted and inconsistent approach to Examination of chemical compound claims under the mandate of 35 U.S.C. §103. The Examiner has completely confused the instant issue of patentability of novel chemical compounds under Section 103 with the issue of patentability of a method of

isolation of chemical compounds, which is a non-issue in this appeal.

Likewise, the Examiner's conclusion that it would have been obvious "to clone the instant gene sequence since the cloning procedures are used in the manner taught by the prior art" has no relevance to the claimed invention. As already pointed out, above, appellant's claims are not directed to procedures for cloning; instead, they are directed to novel DNA chemical compounds. The Examiner's conclusion thus is completely misdirected to something that is not being claimed.

III. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103
SHOULD BE REVERSED BECAUSE THE
REFERENCES EVEN IF PROPERLY COMBINED
DO NOT TEACH APPELLANT'S INVENTION

As pointed out in Argument II, above, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be reversed because it is based on an improper combination of references. But assuming for the sake of argument that the Board concludes that the references are properly combined, then the rejection should nevertheless still be reversed because the combination does not teach appellant's claimed invention for reasons as follows:

First of all, appellant's claimed DNA is purified and isolated from entirely different biological sources than the protein materials of Bohlen and Rauvala. Thus, on the one hand, appellant purified and isolated the DNA from bovine uterus and human placenta; whereas, on the other hand, Rauvala isolated and purified his protein from rat brain, and Bohlen isolated his protein from bovine brain (and also suggested rat and chicken

brains). That is, both Bohlen and Rauvala emphatically teach the use of brain tissue as a source of isolating a protein. This is an entirely different tissue than used as a source of appellant's DNA. There is nothing in the four corners of these references which teaches or suggests the use of bovine uterus or human placenta as a source of appellant's HBGF-8 DNA. Instead of pointing out anything in these references, the Examiner has merely concluded in a rather cavalier manner that "it would be obvious to attempt to isolate a known protein from different tissue types...(emphasis added)." This conclusion is fallacious for at least two sound reasons: (a) it fails to point out why it would be obvious to mentally hurdle from the three brain sources emphasized by the references (rat, chicken and bovine brains) for the isolation of a protein to the uterus and placenta sources used by appellant for the isolation of DNA, and (b) it fails to provide any evidence that appellant's claimed DNA is a "known" compound.

Moreover, there is no apparent physiological relationship between the brain on the one hand and the uterus and placenta on the other hand. There is absolutely nothing in the references cited by the Examiner which supports the conclusion that it would be obvious to attempt to isolate from the uterus or placenta some particular compound found in the brain. The body has many other tissues, e.g., liver, kidney, heart, pancreas, lungs, bone, skin, etc. But in each instance of the rat, chicken and bovine, the references teach only the brain.


Secondly, it is absolutely fallacious for the Examiner to reason that appellant has merely isolated a known protein. Of course, whether or not appellant's protein was known is irrelevant to the claims in issue which concern DNA, not the protein claims which were withdrawn from examination by the

Examiner as being drawn to a patentably distinct invention. Nevertheless, even with respect to appellant's protein the Examiner has pointed to nothing in the prior art which establishes that it is a known protein. The facts are otherwise because, subsequent to the filing date of appellant's application, publication was made by Rauvala which clearly supports the conclusion that appellant's protein was unknown and different from the Rauvala protein. Thus, in the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed by appellant on January 7, 1991, the Examiner's attention was called to Rauvala, J. Biol. Chem. 265, 16721-16724 (1990). Although the latter publication is not prior art since it has a publication date subsequent to appellant's filing date as well as subsequent to the priority filing date of appellant's parent application, it can be seen from the fully disclosed rat brain-derived protein sequence of Rauvala that both the bovine uterus- and human placenta-derived sequences of appellant are significantly different from the rat brain sequence of Rauvala. This confirms that appellant's claimed DNA is not a known compound as erroneously alleged by the Examiner. For the convenience of the Board, appellant attaches hereto as Exhibit A an enlarged copy of the Rauvala sequence of FIG. 2 on page 16722, in which appellant's amino acid residues and nucleotides which differ from Rauvala are highlighted. In appellant's HBGF-8 from human placenta the sequences differ at amino acid residues 98, -13, -30 and -31. In appellant's HBGF-8 from bovine uterus the sequences differ at amino residues -13, -29, -30 and -31. Thus, the Rauvala rat brain protein has Asp at position 98, whereas appellant's human placenta-derived HBGF-8 has Glu at the corresponding residue (residue 130 in appellant's sequence). Likewise, Rauvala's rat brain protein has Ser-Ser in residues -30 and -31, whereas appellant's human placenta-derived HBGF-8 has Gln-Ala at the corresponding residues (residues 2 and 3 in

appellant's sequence). Since appellant's claimed DNA includes coding for the signal peptide, appellant's amino acid numbering starts with the NH₂ terminal Met as number +1. Since the Bohlen reference discloses only the first 19 residues of his NH₂ terminal sequence of rat brain protein and no signal sequence is provided, no full comparison can be made with appellant's sequence. However, since Bohlen's protein is isolated from brain tissue as is the Rauvala protein, it is reasonable to assume that it is more similar to the Rauvala protein than it is to appellant's compounds which are derived not from brain tissue, but from uterus and placenta tissue. But irrespective of what is speculatively concluded from Bohlen, it is manifestly evident that it teaches nothing whatsoever concerning appellant's claimed DNA chemical structure. Speculation and opinion of the Examiner cannot be substituted for factual differences between what "may be properly noted in any portion of a claim" and what "must be included within the basis for comparison with the prior art if we are to properly evaluate the differences between the invention defined in a claim and the teachings of a reference." In re Duva, 156 USPQ 90, 94 (CCPA 1967).

In view of the foregoing arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 4-7 be reversed.

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(7) APPENDIX OF CLAIMS ON APPEAL

4. A purified and isolated DNA sequence consisting of a sequence encoding human heparin binding growth factor of 168 amino acids having the following amino acid sequence:

Met Gln Ala Gln Gln Tyr Gln Gln Gln Arg Arg Lys Phe Ala Ala	15
Ala Phe Leu Ala Phe Ile Phe Ile Leu Ala Ala Val Asp The Ala	30
Glu Ala Gly Lys Lys Glu Lys Pro Glu Lys Lys Val Lys Lys.Ser	45
Asp Cys Gly Glu Trp Gln Trp Ser Val Cys Val Pro Thr Ser Gly	60
Asp Cys Gly Leu Gly Thr Arg Glu Gly Thr Arg Thr Gly Ala Glu	75
Cys Lys Gln Thr Met Lys Thr Gln Arg Cys Lys Ile Pro Cys Asn	90
Trp Lys Lys Gln Phe Gly Ala Glu Cys Lys Tyr Gln Phe Gln Ala	105
Trp Gly Glu Cys Asp Leu Asn Thr Ala Leu Lys Thr Arg Thr Gly	120
Ser Leu Lys Arg Ala Leu His Asn Ala Glu Cys Gln Lys Thr Val	135
Thr Ile Ser Lys Pro Cys Gly Lys Leu Thr Lys Pro Lys Pro Gln	150
Ala Glu Ser Lys Lys Lys Lys Lys Glu Gly Lys Lys Gln Glu Lys	165
Met Leu Asp	168

5. The purified and isolated cDNA of human heparin-binding growth factor having the following nucleotide sequence:

GTCAAAGGCA GGATCAGGTT CCCCGCCTTC CAGTCCAAAA ATCCCGCCAA	50
GAGAGCCCCA GAGCAGAGGA AAATCCAAAG TGGAGAGAGG GGAAGAAAGA	100
GACCAAGTGAG TCATCCGTCC AGAAGGCGGG GAGAGCAGCA GCGGCCCAAG	150
CAGGAGCTGC AGCGAGCCGG GTACCTGGAC TCAGCGGTAG CAACCTCGCC	200
CCTTGCAACA AAGGCAGACT GAGCGCCAGA GAGGACGTTT CCAACTCAAA	250
AATGCAGGCT CAACAGTACC AGCAGCAGCG TCGAAAATTT GCAGCTGCCT	300
TCTTGGCATT CATTTTCATA CTGGCAGCTG TGGATACTGC TGAAGCAGGG	350
AAGAAAGAGA AACCAGAAAA AAAAGTGAAG AAGTCTGACT GTGGAGAATG	400
GCAGTGGAGT GTGTGTGTGC CCACCAGTGG AGACTGTGGG CTGGGCACAC	450
GGGAGGGCAC TCGGACTGGA GCTGAGTCCA AGCAAACCAT GAAGACCCAG	500
AGATGTAAGA TCCCCTGCAA CTGGAAGAAG CAATTGGCG CGGAGTGCAA	550
ATACCAGTTC CAGGCCTGGG GAGAATGTGA CCTGAACACA GCCCTGAAGA	600
CCAGAACTGG AAGTCTGAAG CGAGCCCTGC ACAATGCCGA ATGCCAGAAG	650
ACTGTCACCA CTCCAAGCC CTGTGGCAAA CTGACCAAGC CCAAACCTCA	700
AGCAGAATCT AAGAAGAAGA AAAAGGAAGG CAAGAAACAG GAGAAGATGC	750
TGGATTAAAA GATGTCACCT GTGGAACATA AAAAGGACAT CAGCAAACAG	800
GATCAGTTAA CTATTGCATT TATATGTACC GTAGGCTTTG TATTCAAAAA	850
TTATCTATAG CTAAGTACAC AATAAGCAAA AACAAAAAGA AAAAAAAAAA	900
AAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA	950
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6. A purified and isolated DNA sequence of a sequence encoding bovine heparin binding growth factor of 168 amino acids having the following amino acid sequence:

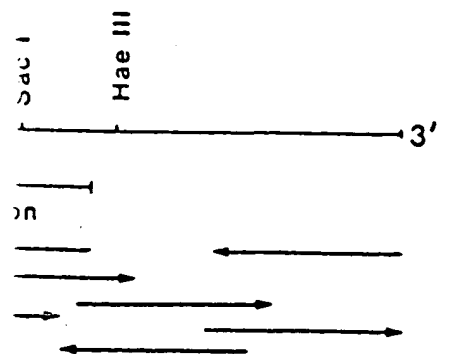
Met Gln Thr Pro Gln Tyr Leu Gln Gln Arg Arg Lys Phe Ala Ala	15
Ala Phe Leu Ala Phe Ile Phe Ile Leu Ala Ala Val Asp The Ala	30
Glu Ala Gly Lys Lys Glu Lys Pro Glu Lys Lys Val Lys Lys Ser	45
Asp Cys Gly Glu Trp Gln Trp Ser Val Cys Val Pro Thr Ser Gly	60
Asp Cys Gly Leu Gly Thr Arg Glu Gly Thr Arg Thr Gly Ala Glu	75
Cys Lys Gln Thr Met Lys Thr Gln Arg Cys Lys Ile Pro Cys Asn	90
Trp Lys Lys Gln Phe Gly Ala Glu Cys Lys Tyr Gln Phe Gln Ala	105
Trp Gly Glu Cys Asp Leu Asn Thr Ala Leu Lys Thr Arg Thr Gly	120
Ser Leu Lys Arg Ala Leu His Asn Ala Asp Cys Gln Lys Thr Val	135
Thr Ile Ser Lys Pro Cys Gly Lys Leu Thr Lys Ser Lys Pro Gln	150
Ala Glu Ser Lys Lys Lys Lys Lys Glu Gly Lys Lys Gln Glu Lys	165
Met Leu Asp	168

7. The purified and isolated cDNA of bovine heparin-binding growth factor having the following nucleotide sequence:

GAGTGGAGAG	AGTAGAAGAA	AGAGAGCAGG	GAGTCACCGG	GCGTGCAGGG	50
GCGGAGAGCA	GCGGCCGCCG	CGAGCACCAG	CGACTTGGGT	ACCTGGACTC	100
AGGGCAGAAA	AACCTCTCCC	GGATCAACAA	AGGCAGCCTG	AGCGCGCACC	150
GCTCTTTTGC	GACTCCAAAA	TGCAGACTCC	ACAGTACCTG	CAGCAACGTC	200
GAAAATTGTC	AGCTGCCTTT	TTGGCATTTA	TTTTCATCTT	GGCAGCTGTG	250
GACACCGCTG	AAGCAGGAAA	GAAAGAGAAA	CCAGAAAAGA	AGGTGAAGAA	300
GTCTGACTGT	GGAGAATGGC	AGTGGAGTGT	GTGTGTACCA	ACCAGTGGGG	350
ACTGTGGGCT	GGGCACCCGC	GAGGGCACCC	GTACCGGAGC	TGAGTGTAAG	400
CAAACCATGA	AGACCCAGAG	ATGTAAGATC	CCCTGCAACT	GGAAAAAGCA	450
ATTTGGAGCG	GAGTGCAAAT	ACCAGTTCCA	GGCCTGGGGA	GAATGTGATC	500
TGAACACGGC	TCTGAAGACC	CGAACTGGGA	GCCTGAAGCG	AGCCCTCCAC	550
AACGCCGACT	GCCAGAAGAC	AGTCACCATC	TCCAAGCCCT	GTGGCAAGCT	600
GACCAAGTCC	AAACCTCAAG	CAGAATCTAA	GAAGAAGAAA	AAGGAAGGCA	650
AGAAACAGGA	GAAGATGCTG	GACTAAAAGC	CACCACCTTC	CGTGGACCAT	700
GAAAAGGACA	TCAGCAAACA	CGATCAGTTA	ACTATTGCAT	TTATATCTAC	750
CGTAGGCTTT	TTATTCAAAA	ATTATCTATA	GCTTAAGTAC	ACAATAGGCA	800
GAAACAAAAT	GAAAAGAAAA	ATTTTGTAAGT	AGCATTTTTT	TTAAATGTAT	850
CAATATACCA	TAGTACCACT	AGGGACTTAT	AATAGAGGAC	TGTAATCCTA	900
TTTAGAATGT	TGACTTATAG	TACATGTTAA	GTGATAGAAA	ACTGAGGTAA	950
GTTTTTTGAA	GTTATGTGAT	ATTTTACATT	ACATTTTTTT	TTACATTTTTT	1000
TTCTTTTGGC	AGCAATTTAA	ATGTTATGAC	TATGTAAACT	ACTTCTCTTG	1050
TTAGGTAATT	TTTTTCACCT	AGACTTTTAT	TCCCAATTGA	GAAAAATATC	1100
TACTAAACAA	AGCAGCAATA	AAATATGATC	ATCCTATCTG	AGGAAAATAT	1150
CTCTTTTCT	GCCAGTGGAT	TTTTAAAAAA	TTGTAGTCAA	CAAAAT	1196

Sequencing of the 18-kDa Growth-associated Protein

EXHIBIT A



Restriction map and sequencing strategy for rat brain HB-GAM. The cDNA was obtained as described. Arrows indicate the direction and

preparations used for Northern blots. RNAs were transferred from the nylon filter (Hybond-N, Amersham) to a membrane that contained the whole cDNA with ³²P (the oligolabeling kit of Amersham). The filters were washed twice for 20 min at room temperature in 2× SSC followed by two times for 15 min in 0.5× SSC (1 × SSC = 0.15 M NaCl,

0.5 M NaCl). Anti-synthetic peptide antibodies have been raised against HB-GAM. The antibodies were raised in a rabbit (3) in complete Freund's adjuvant. A booster injection of Freund's adjuvant was given 2-3 weeks later. The samples were run on 5-20% SDS-PAGE, transferred to nitrocellulose (10), and probed with anti-rabbit IgG (Bio-Rad).

DISCUSSION

Fig. 1 shows the restriction map of the cDNA that encodes HB-GAM. The longer clone was 750 bp. The longer clone contains a 5'-untranslated region and 474 bp of coding region (Fig. 2). The 5'-untranslated region contains about 20% of the total mRNA; about 20% of the mRNA is found to contain mRNA leader

1	GACAGAACCGAATTGAGTGAAGGCCAGGATCAGGTTCCCGG	40
41	CCTTCCCGTCCAAAAATCCCGCCAAAGGAAGCCCCAGAGCACAAGAAAATCCAAAGTGGAGACA	104
105	GGGGAAGAAAGAAAGCACTGAGTCATCCATCCAGAAGGGGGAGAGCGCAGCCGCCAGGCAG	167
168	GAGCAGCAGCCAGCGATACCTGCGAGTCCGTTGCAGAAACCTCGCCCTGCACTTTGCAACAAAG	230
231	GCAGCCTGCTGTCTCAGCGAGGACATCTGCTAAGCCAAAAA ATG TCG TCC CAG CAA TAC	287
-32	Met Ser Ser Gln Gln Tyr	-27
288	CAG CAG CAA CGT CGA AAA TTT GCA GCT GCC TTC CTG GCT TTG ATT TTC	335
-26	Gln Gln Gln Arg Arg Lys Phe Ala Ala Ala Phe Leu Ala Leu Ile Phe	-11
336	ATC CTG GCA GCC GTG GAC ACT GCT GAG GCC GGG AAA AAA GAG AAA GCA	383
-10	Ile Leu Ala Ala Val Asp Thr Ala Glu Ala Gly Lys Lys Glu Lys Pro	+6
384	GAA AAA AAG GTG AAA AAA TCT GAC TGT GGA GAA TGG CAA TGG AGT GTC	431
7	Glu Lys Lys Val Lys Lys Ser Asp Cys Gly Glu Trp Gln Trp Ser Val	22
432	TGC GTG CCC ACC AGC GGG GAC TGT GGT CTA GGC ACC CGG GAG GCC ACT	479
23	Cys Val Pro Thr Ser Gly Asp Cys Gly Leu Gly Thr Arg Glu Gly Thr	38
480	CGC ACT GGT GCC GAG TGC AAA CAA ACC ATG AAG ACT CAG AGA TGT AAG	527
39	Arg Thr Gly Ala Glu Cys Lys Gln Thr Met Lys Thr Gln Arg Cys Lys	54
528	ATC CCT TGC AAC TGG AAG AAG CAG TTT GGA GCT GAG TGC AAA TAC CAG	575
55	Ile Pro Cys Asn Trp Lys Lys Gln Phe Gly Ala Glu Cys Lys Tyr Gln	70
576	TTC CAG GCT TGG GGA CAA TGT GAC CTC AAT ACC GCC TTG AAG ACC AGA	623
71	Phe Gln Ala Trp Gly Glu Cys Asp Leu Leu Thr Thr Ala	86
624	ACT GGC AGT CTG AAG AGA GCT CTG CAC AAT GCC GAC TGT CAG AAA ACT	671
87	Thr Gly Ser Leu Lys Arg Ala Leu His Asn Ala Asp Cys Gln Lys Thr	102
672	GTC ACC ATC TCC AAG CCC TGT GGC AAA CTC ACC AAG CCC AAG CCT CAA	719
103	Val Thr Ile Ser Lys Pro Cys Gly Lys Leu Thr Lys Pro Lys Pro Gln	118
720	GCG GAA TCA AAG AAG AAG AAA AAG GAA GGC AAG AAA CAG GAG AAG ATG	767
119	Ala Glu Ser Lys Lys Lys Lys Lys Glu Gly Lys Lys Gln Glu Lys Met	134
768	CTG GAT TAAAGAGGGCCACTTTTGTGGACAAGGAAAAGGACATCAGCAAGCAGGATCACT	828
135	Leu Asp *	136
829	TAACATATTACATTATACCTACTGTAGGCTTTTATTCAACAGTTATCTGTAGCTTAAGTACA	891
892	TGATAGGCCAAAAACAAGACGAAAGAAATGTTTTGTAGTAGCATTTTTTTAATGTATACCAT	954
955	AGTACCAGTAGGGGTTTATAATAAAGGACTGTAACTACTTTTAGGAAGTTGAGTTGTAGTACA	1017
1018	TGATAGATGGTAGGATTGAGGTAAAGTTTTTTTTTTTGTGTTTTGTTTTGTTTTGTTTTG	1080
1081	TGTTTTGCTTTTCAAAGTTATGTCATATTTACATTTAAATCTTTTTTTTACATTTCCAAAC	1143
1144	CTTGTGCATCAATTTAAATGTTACAACCATGTAACACTACTTCCCTTATTAGATAGATTTTCA	1206
1207	CTAGACTTTTTTTTCCCAATTCCAGAAATAATACACTAA	1247

FIG. 2. The nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequences of rat brain HB-GAM. The nucleotides are listed in the 5' to 3' direction. The termination site is marked with *. Amino acid residues are numbered negative within the signal sequence that is double underlined. Amino acid sequences obtained from protein sequencing are underlined. Except for the CNBr fragment (residues 49-52 that were read as X-Thr-Gln-Arg), these were obtained from N-terminal sequencing and from endoproteinase Lys-C fragments.

for defining the cleavage site (12, 13). According to this rule a small uncharged amino acid is invariably found at positions -3 and -1. A common amino acid at these locations is alanine, which is found at -3 and -1 in the HB-GAM precursor (Fig. 2). Further evidence that this area actually defines the cleavage site comes from the finding that the mature protein starts from the ensuring N-terminal sequence (3).

The occurrence of the signal peptide that is characteristic of secretory proteins agrees with the previous findings on the cellular distribution of the protein. HB-GAM was detected by